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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Application No.	10/501,377
Filing Date	December 23, 2004
First Named Inventor	Cullen
Group Art Unit	2857
Examiner Name	Tsai, Carol S W
Attorney Docket No.	KNN-017

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTES

RCE v. CPA: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA.

FEE AND SUBMISSION REQUIRED: A submission as used in this section includes, but is not limited to, an information disclosure statement, an amendment to the written description, claims, or drawings; new arguments; or new evidence in support of patentability. If reply to an Office action under 35 U.S.C. 132 is outstanding, the submission must meet the reply requirements of § 1.111 (see 37 C.F.R. 1.114 (c)).

RCE APPLIES TO: An application in which prosecution is closed (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (b)).

RCE DOES NOT APPLY TO: (1) A provisional application; (2) an application for a utility or plant patent filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) before June 8, 1995; (3) an international application filed under 35 U.S.C. 363 before June 8, 1995; (4) an application for a design patent; or (5) a patent under reexamination (see 37 C.F.R. 1.114(e)).

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Enter and consider the unentered amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____.
- b. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
- c. ☒ Amendment/Response enclosed.
- d. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) enclosed.
- e. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) enclosed.
 - i. ☐ PTO-1449
 - ii. ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
- f. ☐ Other _____

2. RCE FEE REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

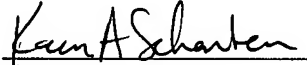
- a. ☒ Small entity status
 - i. ☐ was established in the prior nonprovisional application.
 - ii. ☐ is established herewith by the enclosed written assertion of entitlement to small entity status.
- b. ☒ A Petition and Fee for Extension of Time for 3 months up to and including May 2, 2007 is enclosed herewith.
- c. ☒ A check in the amount of \$905.00 is enclosed, \$510.00 in payment of the fee for a three month Petition for Extension of Time, and \$395.00 in payment of the fee for a Request for Continued Examination
- d. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fee(s), i.e., \$ _____, to Deposit Account No. 50-1721.
- e. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge any additional fees required for this submission under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 50-1721.

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- a. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard enclosed.
b. ☐ Other _____.

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